

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Manabu TATENO et al.

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Application No.: 10/578,520

Docket No.: 127901

Filed: May 8, 2006

For: VARIABLE VALVE OPERATING DEVICE

**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND FILING RECEIPT STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

The above-captioned patent application entered the National Phase on August 31, 2004. The 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements were completed on May 8, 2006.

The original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt have not yet been received. It is respectfully requested that the original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt be immediately forwarded to the attorneys of record at the address set forth below.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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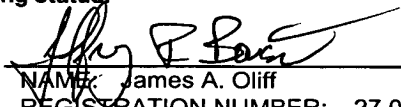
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127901**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)  
10/578,520INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/JP2005/016185INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
August 30, 2005PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
August 31, 2004TITLE OF INVENTION  
VARIABLE VALVE OPERATING DEVICEAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  
Manabu TATENO; Toshiaki ASADA; Shuichi EZAKI

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
  - c. ☐ The International Application was filed in English.
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt Status Request

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21. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				<b>CALCULATIONS      PTO USE ONLY</b>	
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)):				\$ 300.00	\$
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International preliminary examination report or written opinion prepared by the USPTO as IPEA or ISA and favorable as to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability for all claims presented in the application entering the national phase				\$ 0.00	
International search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO as ISA				\$ 100.00	
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All situations not provided for above				\$ 500.00	
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.492(c)(1)-(2)):					\$
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